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A BILL FOR

1 An Act regarding a preference for apprenticeship sponsors in
2 public construction contracts.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **26.9A Preference for apprenticeship**
2 **sponsors.**

3 1. An Iowa-based apprenticeship sponsor, as defined in
4 section 15B.2, shall receive preference in the awarding of
5 contracts as long as the apprenticeship sponsor's bid is
6 comparable in price to bids submitted by other businesses and
7 otherwise meets the required specifications of this chapter.

8 2. If the laws of another state mandate a percentage
9 preference for businesses from that state and the effect of
10 the preference is that bids of Iowa-based businesses that are
11 otherwise low and responsive are not selected in the other
12 state, the same percentage preference shall be applied to
13 Iowa-based businesses when businesses from that other state bid
14 on public construction projects in this state.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill provides a preference to Iowa-based businesses,
19 similar to existing preference provisions in Code section
20 8A.311. According to the bill, Iowa-based businesses that
21 operate a program registered with the United States department
22 of labor, office of apprenticeship, defined in Code section
23 15B.2 as an "apprenticeship sponsor", shall receive a
24 preference in the awarding of contracts for public improvement
25 projects, as long as the bid is comparable in price to bids
26 submitted by other businesses and otherwise meets the required
27 specifications of Code chapter 26.

28 The bill also provides that if another state requires
29 a percentage preference for in-state businesses such that
30 Iowa-based businesses who provide low and responsive bids are
31 not awarded the project in that state, the same percentage
32 preference will be applied to Iowa-based businesses when
33 businesses from that other state bid on public construction
34 projects in this state.